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SUBJECT: CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT FROM KING KHALID AND CROWN PRINCE FAHD ON AWACS

1. THE FOLLOWING LETTERS FROM KING KHALID AND CROWN PRINCE FAHD TO THE PRESIDENT HAVE BEEN DELIVERED TO THE EMBASSY. KING'S MESSAGE WAS QUOTED ON SAUDI RADIO OCTOBER 29. WE UNDERSTAND MESSAGES MAY ALSO HAVE BEEN SENT DIRECTLY TO WASHINGTON. ORIGINALS WILL BE POUCHED.

QUOTE. THE HONORABLE RONALD REAGAN
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
WASHINGTON

IT IS WITH THE GREATEST OF PLEASURE THAT I EXTEND TO YOU MY SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS OVER THE FAVORABLE OUTCOME OF THE SENATE DEBATES ON THE SALE OF THE AWACS AND THE ENHANCEMENT PACKAGE TO THE KINGDOM. THANK YOU FOR YOUR LONG AND TIRELESS EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF THIS (TRANSACTION) AND YOUR CLARIFICATION OF THE PEACEFUL INTENT OF THIS SALE OF DEFENSIVE EQUIPMENT. I WISH TO AFFIRM TO YOU THAT THE KINGDOM HAS AND DOES NOW AFFIRM THAT THE AIM OF THIS (TRANSACTION) IS TO PRESERVE ITS INTEGRITY, ITS SECURITY, AND ITS SELF-DEFENSE. WISHING YOU THE BEST OF HEALTH AND HAPPINESS AND FOR THE FRIENDLY AMERICAN PEOPLE CONSTANT PROGRESS AND PROSPERITY.

KHALID BIN ABD AL-AZIZ AL SAUD

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QUOTE. THE HONORABLE RONALD REAGAN
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
WASHINGTON

I AM HAPPY TO CONVEY TO YOU MY SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF THE FAVORABLE OUTCOME OF THE SENATE DEBATES AND THEIR CONSENT TO SELL AWACS AND OTHER DEFENSIVE EQUIPMENT TO THE KINGDOM. I WISH TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR EXCELLENT EFFORTS AND WHAT YOU HAVE DONE TO EXPLAIN AND CLARIFY THE PEACEFUL PURPOSES OF THIS EQUIPMENT. I WANT TO REAFFIRM THAT THE KINGDOM HAS MAINTAINED, AS IT STILL DOES, THAT THE AIM OF THIS (TRANSACTION) IS TO PROTECT ITS SECURITY AND AID IN ITS SELF-DEFENSE. MY REGARDS TO YOU FOR HEALTH AND HAPPINESS AND FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE INCREASED PROSPERITY.

FAHD BIN ABD AL-AZIZ AL SAUD
10/29/81 UNQUOTE. MURPHY